

Application No. 09/683,967  
Docket No. A1-1423  
Amendment dated March 21, 2005  
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### **REMARKS**


In the Office Action, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-22 and 24-53 of the above-identified US Patent Application, with the result that claim 24 was rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, for lacking antecedent basis for the "hermetically-sealed enclosure," and all of the remaining claims were allowed. In response, Applicant has amended claim 24 to reintroduce the limitations of its canceled parent claim 23, which originally provided the antecedence for "hermetically-sealed enclosure."

Applicant believes that the above amendment does not present new matter. Applicant further believes that the amendment complies with 37 CFR §1.116(a) as being limited to reducing and simplifying the issues remaining in the examination of Applicant's application, namely, amending claim 24 to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112 in a manner strictly limited to reintroducing subject matter from canceled parent claim 23, and therefore already considered and searched by the Examiner. Consequently, Applicant believes that the amendment does not raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search by the Examiner, and places the claims in condition for allowance. MPEP §714.13.

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Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter  
now of record, Applicant's representative may be reached at (219) 462-4999.

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